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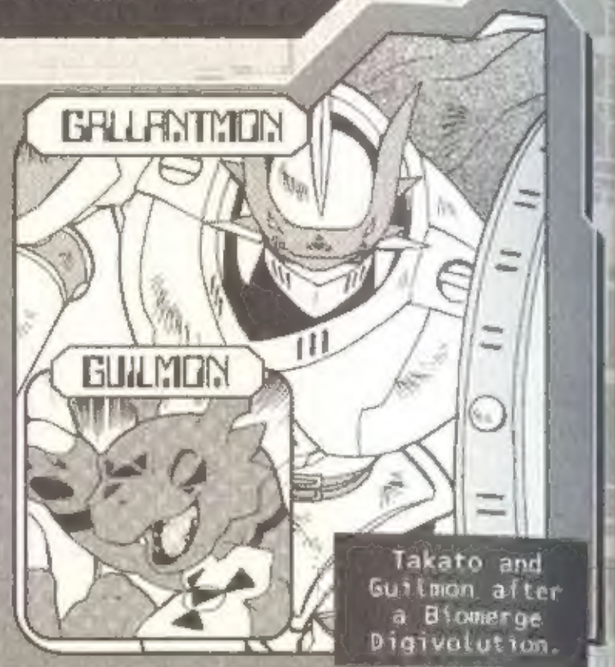

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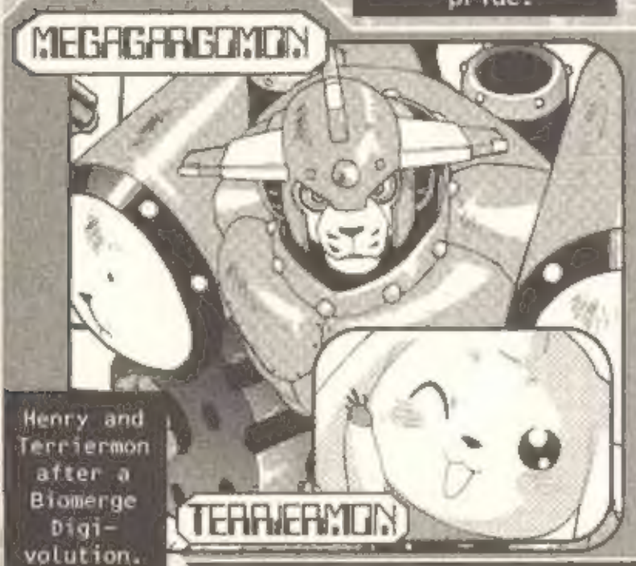

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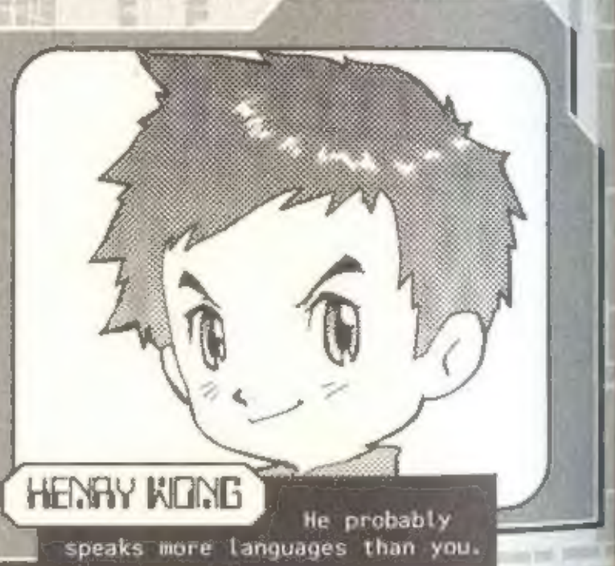
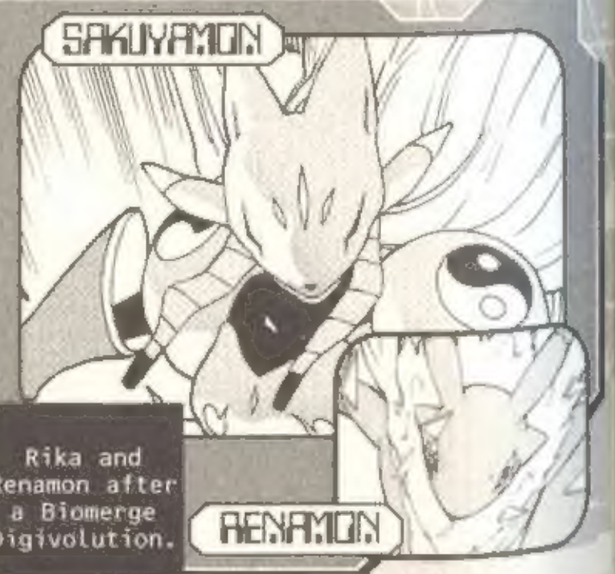


He probably speaks more languages than you.

Play nice with the group? Playing nice is for the weak.



Rika and Renamon after a Biomerge Digivolution.

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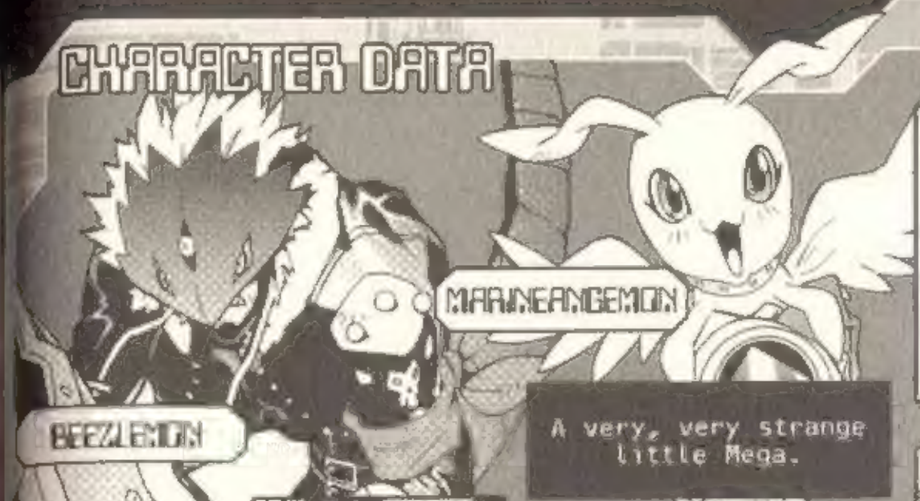
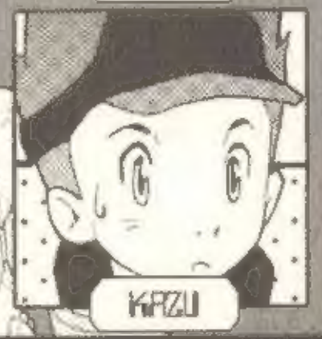
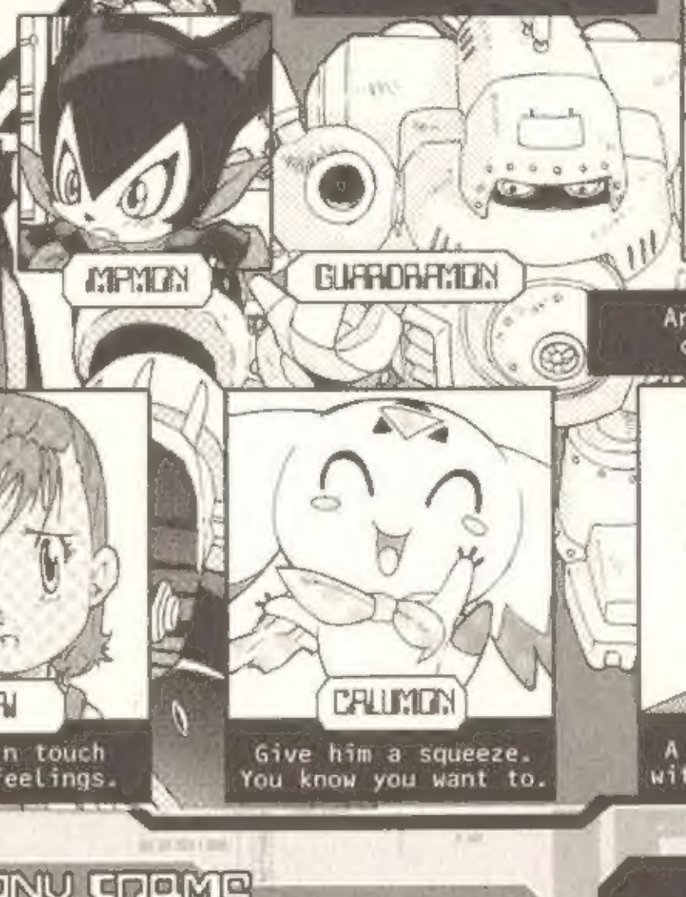


A very, very strange little Mega.

Impmon drunk on power.

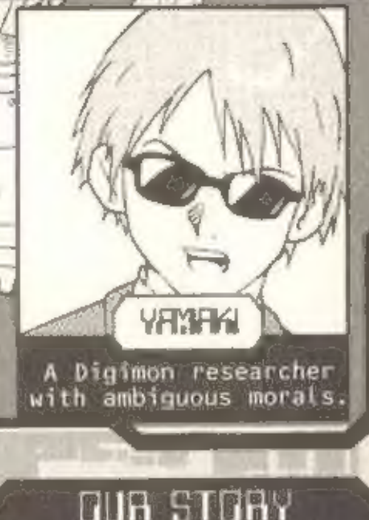




Andromon when he de-Digivolves.

A Tamer in touch with her feelings.

Give him a squeeze. You know you want to.



A Digimon researcher with ambiguous morals.

EVIL'S MANY FORMS

OUR STORY

Now that the Tamers have entered DigiWorld, their adventures have only grown--and most of their non-Tamer friends have snagged a Digimon partner along the way. But when Takato, Henry, and Terriermon end up separated from the group, they come upon a man named Shibumi who claims to have created Digimon. As mysteries surrounding the origin of Digimon are slowly revealed, the Tamers are finding their true enemy to be a bit less anthropomorphic than assumed...

CHAPTER 22:

THE DEPARTURE OF A FRIEND

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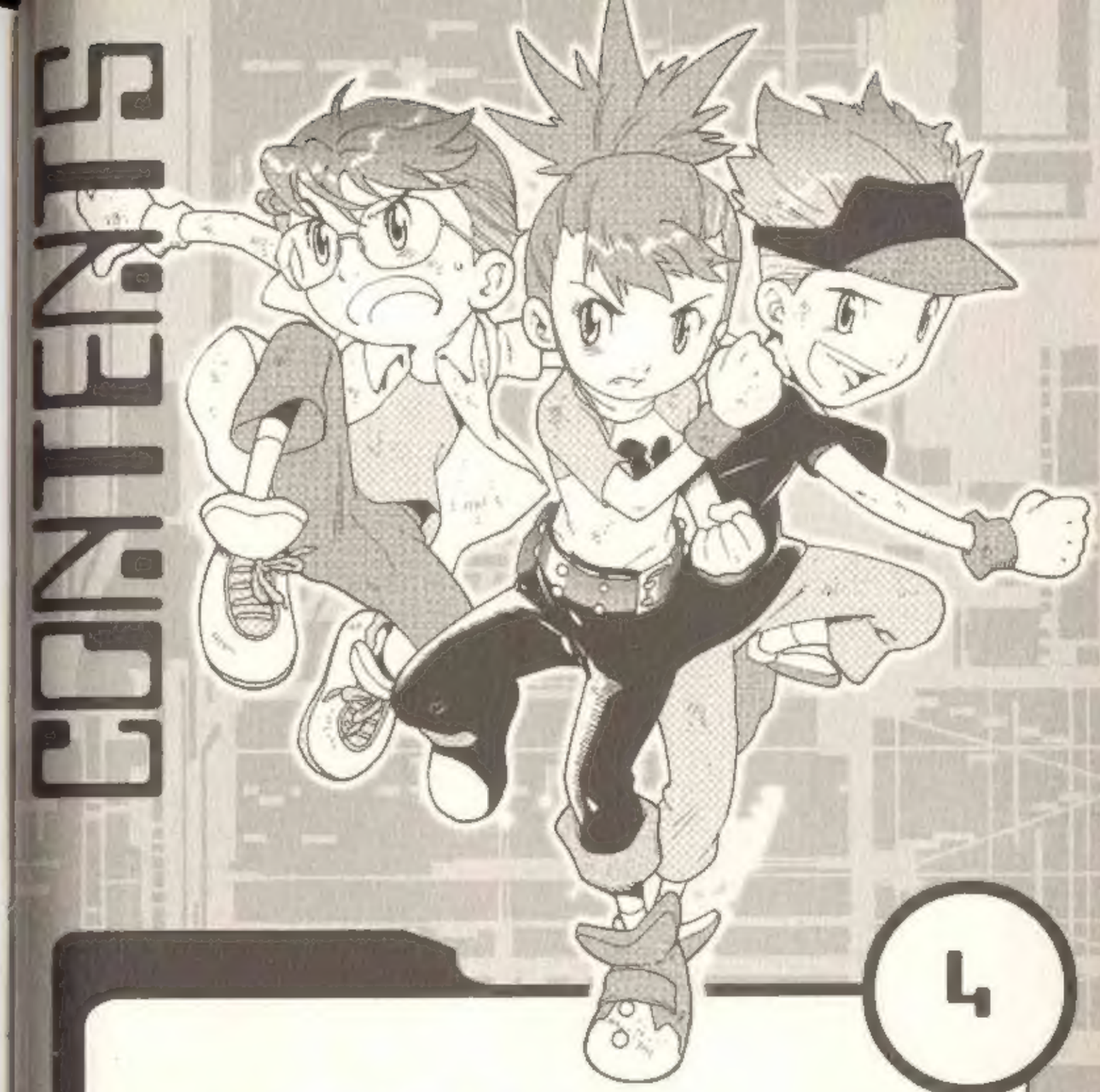

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SUZIE?! WHAT'S *SHE* DOING IN DIGIWORLD?

DAD'S GONNA HAVE A CORONARY.

WOOZ

HUH?

HEY! TH-THIS PLUMMETING SENSATION CAN'T BE GOOD!

AH! SCARY UGLY MONSTERS!

Oh, well. Nothing's really that bad when you have a spaceship.

BWOOO

So Henry and I were still separated from the others, but we had all that new info from Shibumi to think about. Plus he'd sent us away in some kinda D-Power-shaped spaceship.

TO DANGER. IF I HAD TO GUESS.

WHERE DO YOU THINK THIS THING'S TAKING US?

UM, HENRY? I THINK IT'S YOUR SISTER CHOKING A BUNNY.

HUH?

I'M GONNA HUG YOU AND LOVE YOU AND DRESS YOU AGAINST YOUR WILL!

I THINK I SEE SOMETHING.

WELL, WELL. MIND IF I KILL THIS PARTY?

In retrospect, that wasn't exactly a good condition to set.

WHO SAID-- EGAD!

HEY THERE, KIDDIES.

I'VE BEEN CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'. WANNA VOLUNTEER?

FOR THE BRUISING. IN CASE THAT WASN'T CLEAR.

OH, HENRY!

UGLY?

NO-- BEAT MY LAST VIDEO GAME!

PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T COME HERE BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING GOOD ON TV.

THE THREE HORNS ARE A UNIQUE TOUCH.

WOW. UM, GOOD-LOOKING GUY.

DON'T WORRY, HENRY. WE'LL GET SUZIE HOME ONCE WE FIND CALUMON.

RAPID FIRE!

CHOOM

BUNNY SENSES TINGLING.

FIRST RULE OF VILLAINY, CREEP.

THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS ALWAYS THE SAME!

BWOOO

MATRIX DIGIVOLUTION!

HEAR TAKATO. TAKATO NEED ME.

YOU HEAR SCREAM?

YES-- IT'S COMING FROM THAT LIGHT.

I'M GAME.

TAKATO

In dangerous situations, there's something very important that I've learned--screaming like a little girl never hurts.

GUILMON, HELP!

WHA, THAT'S IT? YOU DIDN'T EVEN SCUFF MY BIKE'S FINISH!

YOU STINK AND I RULE! HA HA HA HA!

UM, HENRY?

HE'S NOT EVEN FAZED?

NOT NOW.

BUT IF AN ULTIMATE CAN'T HURT HIM...OH, MAN, WHERE'S GUILMON? I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S NOT HERE WHEN I NEED HIM THE MOST!

IMPMON, STOP BEING JERK! NOT WANT TO FIGHT!

LOOKIE WHO CAME TO PLAY.

YOUR LOSS, PUNKER.

BOOM

THAT LOOK LIKE TAKATO! THOUGH SOUND LIKE LITTLE GIRL.

TAKATO!

MMA?

UH... DON'T LOOK NOW, GUYS.

OUR FAVORITE CRAZY BIKER'S ON A RAMPAGE AGAIN.

IF BY "TOAST" YOU MEAN "THE WINNER," THEN YEAH.

KYUBIMON, GET OUT OF THERE!

END

IF RAPIDMON COULDN'T HURT HIM, GROWLMON DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE.

GROWLMON! BE CAREFUL!

FORGET IT, IMPMON. YOU'RE TOAST!

WHA? AS IF I *HAVE* A HEART! GET YOUR SLIMY PAWS *OFF!*

SHE'LL GET OUT, ALL RIGHT

HUH?

RAAAAAAAAAA!

At that moment, I think, that's where we all felt that blow.

I hate how the two of them talked about hearts.

A TWISTED CREATURE SUCH AS YOU HIDES SECRETS. HAS SOMEONE HURT YOUR HEART, VILLAIN?

LEOMON?! YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE! YOU CAN'T YOU CAN'T YOU CAN'T!

IT'S DANGEROUS HERE. WE HAVE TO HIDE--CAN YOU WALK?

MAN, JERI. I'M REALLY S-SORRY.

I know that it's okay to be mad.

THAT'S NOT... THAT'S NOT FAIR!

I know that it's okay to be hurt.

clench

HE'S NOT REALLY IS HE?

LEOMON!

It always hurts to lose a friend. No one ever said it doesn't.

I'M S-SORRY, JERI. THANK YOU, AND G-GOOO-BYE...

beep
beep
beep

BOO

I guess I wasn't thinking.

RAAAA!

The same thing happened to Ta on TV once--I knew what happens when you Digivolve with bad intentions.

But losing it...

...that's not okay.

YOU CRAZY EVIL CREEP!

NEVER!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!

OW! THIS FEELS BAD!

Not thinking is a bad mistake to make.
RAAAAAAAAR!
MEGADRAMON

CHAPTER 23:
DOS AND DON'TS
OF DIGIVOLUTION

UGH. GET A BREATH MINT AND GET LOST, SLIMY!

LOOK WHAT I DID, HENRY! I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT SO MAD HE ACTUALLY WHAT DO I DO?!

SHOULDN'T WHAT?

TAKATO? YOU SHOULDN'T...

RAAAAAR!

STUPID CRAZY... RRR!

I was actually scared of him.

Guilmon wasn't supposed to turn into Megidramon. It was some sort of a corrupted Digivolution, and it set him on a rampage.

ARGH!

GAAAA

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

KAAAR

WHAT THE-- ACK!

JUST LOOK AT HIM!

YOU CAN'T PUSH A DIGIVOLUTION WHEN YOU'RE MAD!

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.

YEAH. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU *MEANT* TO MESS HIM OVER AND THREATEN ALL OF OUR...

MAYBE I'M NOT HELPING.

CALM DOWN, TAKATO.

GUILMON, COME BACK!

BWE

KYUBIMON, MATRIX DIGIVOLVE!

YOU HEARD HER RAPIDMON

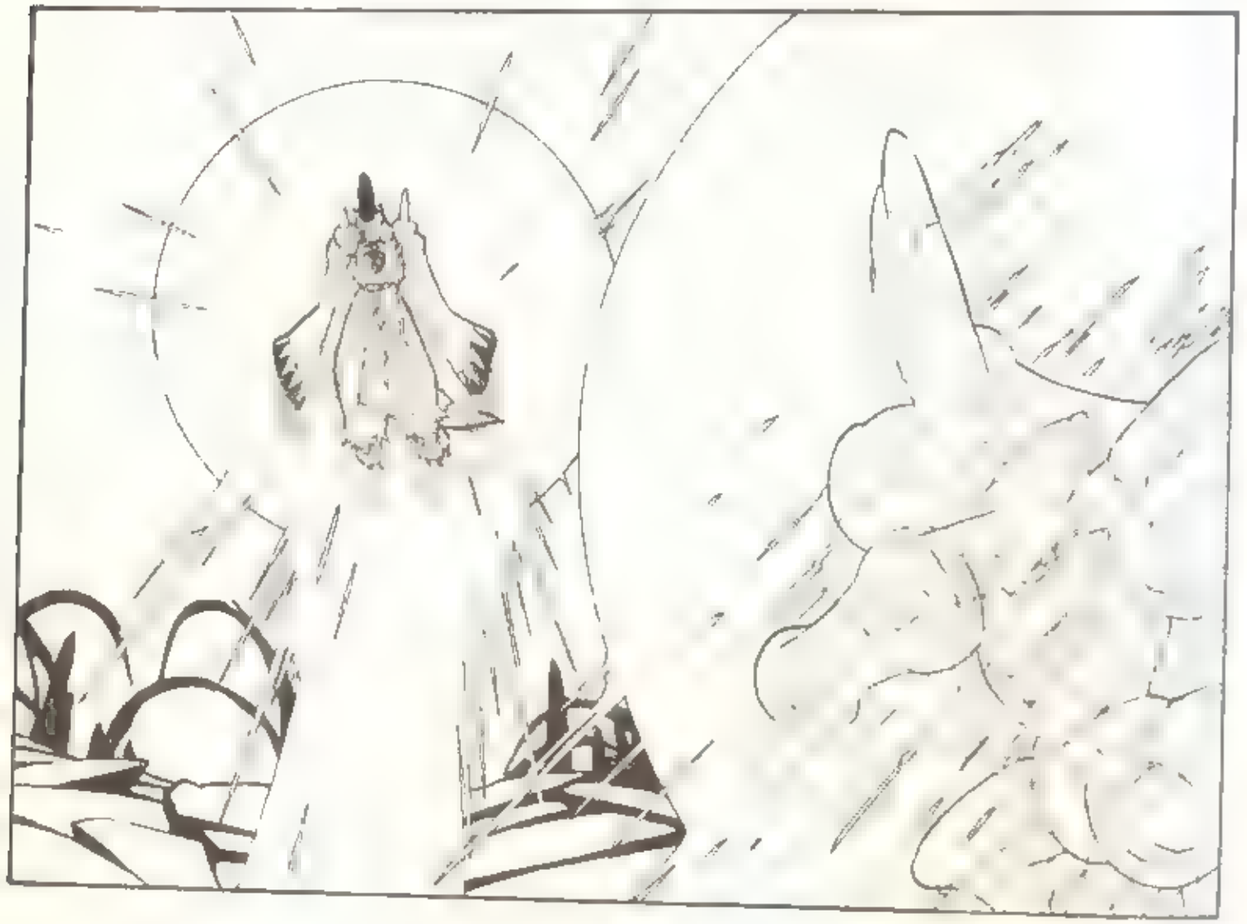
THIS IS BAD. I THINK GUILMON'S DISTORTED OVER-POWERING IS RIPPING THINGS APART!

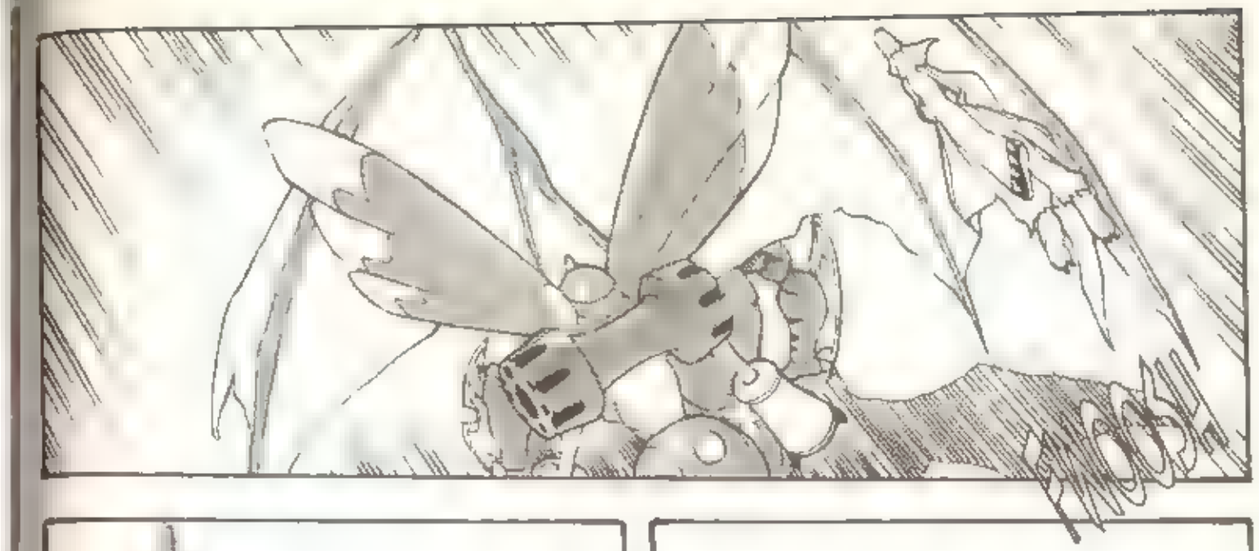
I'M UP FOR FIXING THIS IF YOU ARE.

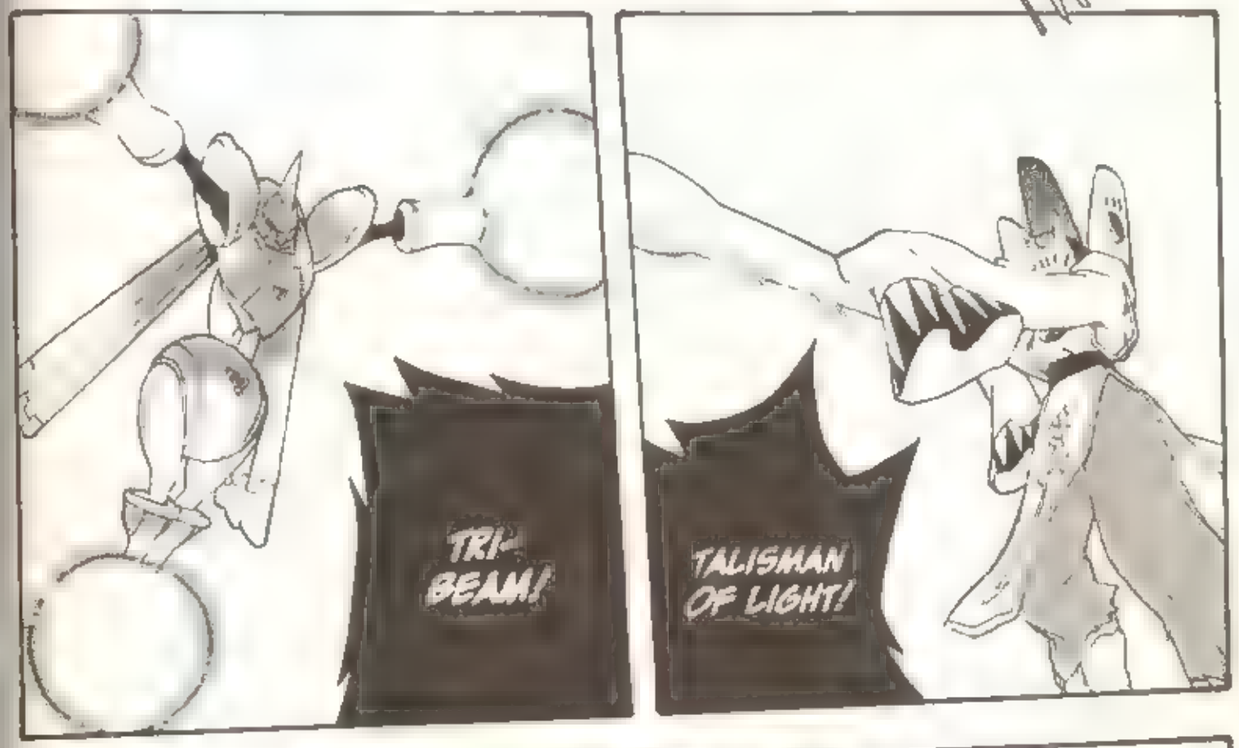
H-HEY! I CAN'T MOVE!

HOLD STILL FOR A SEC!

POWER... FADING... FAST!







FODDER. EXACTLY WHAT I WAS LOOKIN' FOR.

I CAN *FEEL* MYSELF GETTING HARDCORE!

HA HA HA! YEAH, *YEAH!*

SHLOR

HE'S TRYING TO ABSORB THEIR DATA.

I CAN SEE THAT!

WAIT, IF HE WATCHES THEM...

RIKA, USE AN ALIAS CARD-- IT'LL GET THEM OUT!

CARD GAME

BEEZLEMON'LL STILL GET CLONE DATA, BUT ALL RIGHT.

IT WAS NICE BEATIN' YOU.

It was a battle none of us wanted to happen.

SO SCRAM

IT'S BEEN FUN, BUT I GOTTA GO.

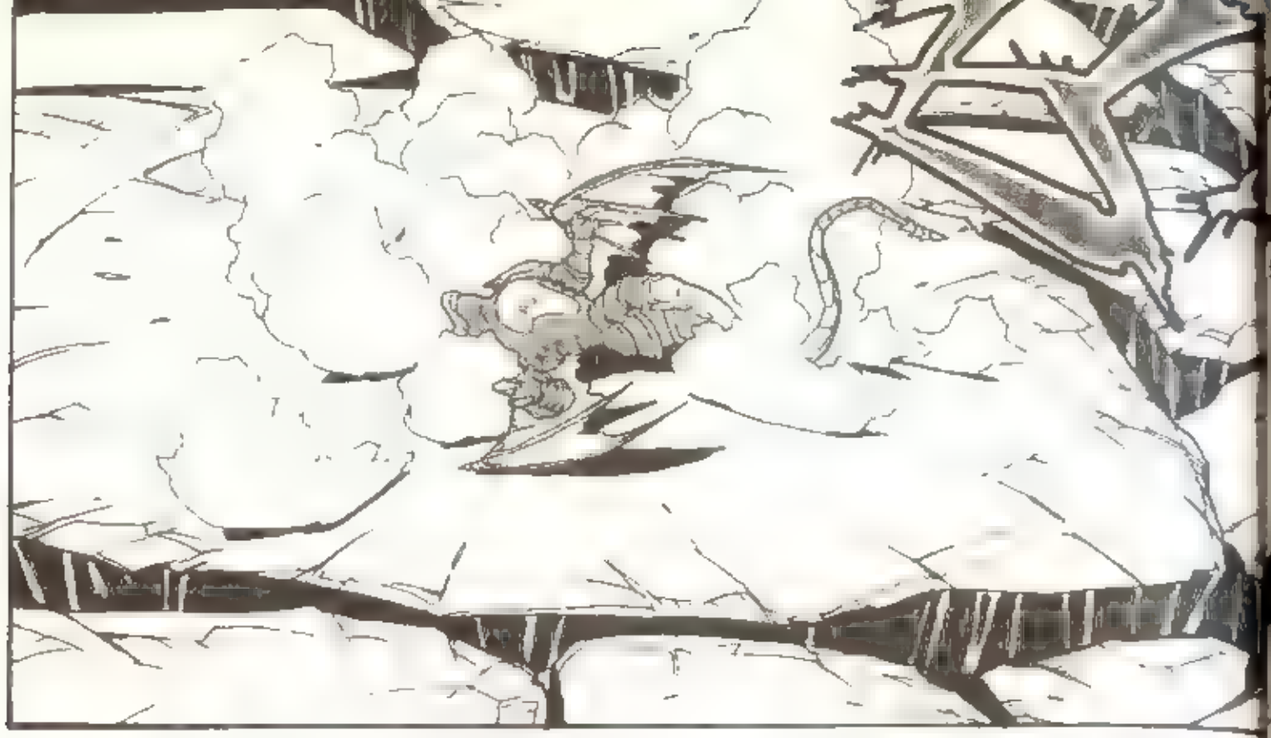
We had to stop Megidramon...but Beezlemon was crazy.

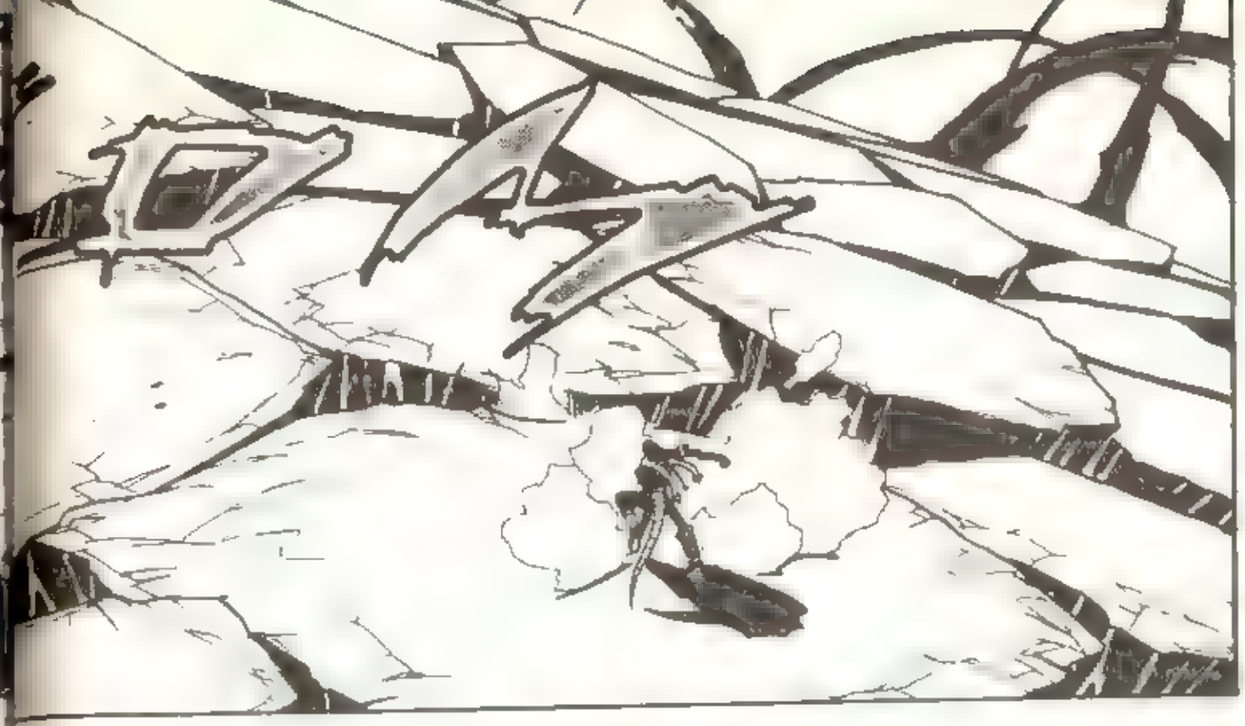
Whoever ended up winning, we were all going to lose.

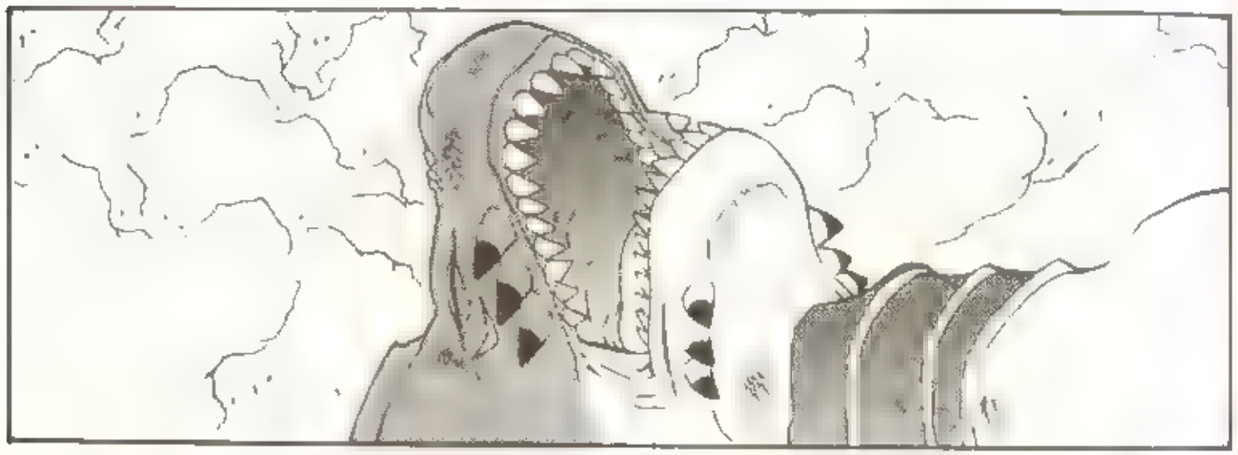
CRRRK

AAAHHH

RUUU

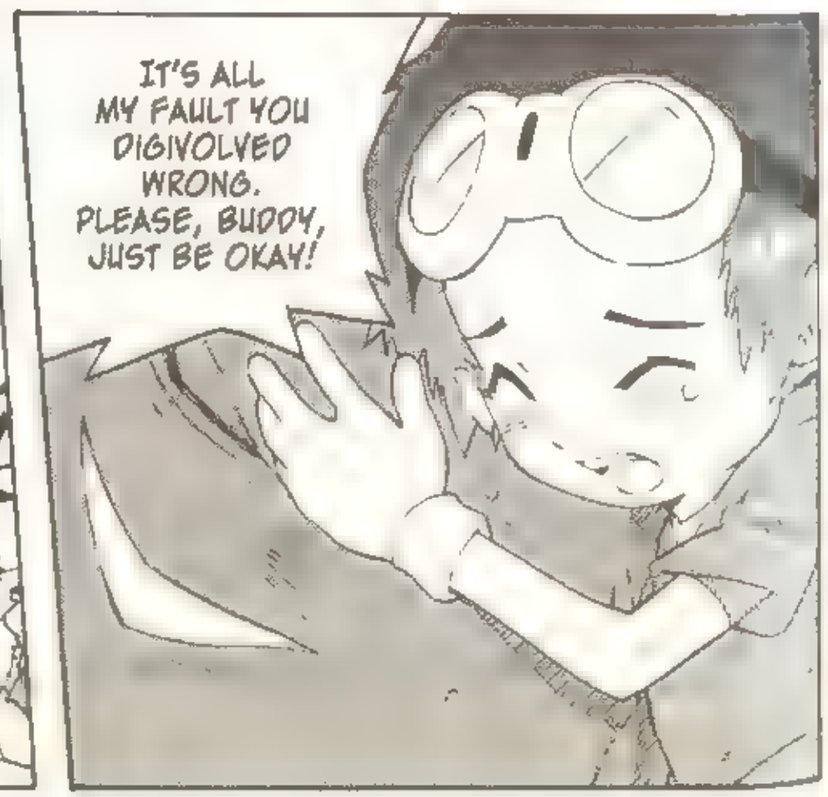




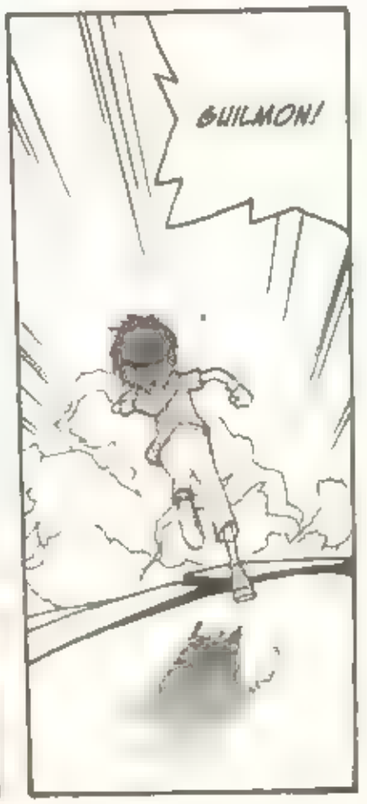


WHO ROCKS THE HOUSE? BEEZLEMON ROCKS THE HOUSE!

SA


IT'S ALL MY FAULT YOU DIGIVOLVED WRONG. PLEASE, BUDDY, JUST BE OKAY!

ARE YOU OKAY? I'M SO SORRY!


GUILMON!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

DIGIVOLVE TOGETHER TAKATO!

Although I guess, to be fair something really good came out of all those bad experiences.

FOOSH

BWOOO

MMA! BEING CRAZY PRETTY NUTS!

YOU'RE... YOU'RE LITTLE AND NICE AGAIN!

STILL KICKIN', ARE YA? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU STAND A CHANCE WHEN YOU'RE UP TO MY WAIST?

TAKATO NEED TO BELIEVE.

TAKATO-- BEAT TH'S JERK TOGETHER

TOGETHER? HOW?

NICE! CHECK OUT THAT CAPE!

JUDGE, JUDGE, JUDGE. YOU CAN'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO-- YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME!

SELLING YOUR SOUL FOR POWER'S A NASTY THING TO DO, BEEZLEMON.

TRUE MEGA DIGIVOLUTION!

I got to play a very personal part in Guilmon's real Digivolution.

GALLANTMON

Guilmon and I fought that battle together.

CHAPTER 24:
MEGA TROUBLE

HOW THE HECK DID HE GET SO STRONG SO FAST?

HA

BRING IT.

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU!

I THOUGHT HE WAS WITH YOU.

WHA? JUST GREAT!

UH, WHERE'S TAKATO?

PA PA

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WANTS A TASTE OF THE BIG GUNS!

BO BO

HUH? WHERE'RE YOU HIDIN', BABY?

SSAA

HA HA HA HA!

DOOM

THE EXPLOSIONS AND MANIACAL LAUGHTER ARE OUR CUE TO SPLIT

F-FINE. YOU WANNA PLAY DIRTY?

SAY GOOO-BYE TO YOUR WUSSY LITTLE FRIENDS!

PA

YOU THINK HE'S TALKING ABOUT US?

HEADS UP!

I THINK HE'S A PART OF GALLANTMON!

DID YOU JUST HEAR TAKATO'S VOICE?

BWEEEN

SHIELD OF THE JUST!

PREPARE TO HIT THE DIRT!

K-KAZU, KENTA, RUN.

PA PA

'VE HAD IT ITH YOU, EZLEMON. HON'T LET 'OU HURT ANYONE ELSE I CARE ABOUT!

TAKATO?

KA-CHOOM

AAGH!

SHA

...IT'S TIME TO END THIS.

NOW

KRAK

JUST STOP IT!

DON'T HURT ANYONE.

BUT...

YOU'RE LETTING ME GO?

DESTROYING YOU WON'T BRING LEOMON BACK. I JUST WANT THE FIGHTING TO STOP!

YES

THIS IS FOR LEOMON!

DON'T, TAKATO! STOP!

SHINK

JERI?

P4

She's really something. It made us all think-- especially Beezlemon.

Jeri was hurt the worst by the battle, but she also ended up showing the most mercy.

THERE HE GOES.

BEATS ME. I GUESS GUILMON AND I ARE JUST REALLY CLOSE, HUH?

UM. HEH HEH

HOW'D YOU PULL THAT ONE OFF?

TAKATO, YOU OKAY?

YOU WERE A DIGIMON!

FIGHTING'S WHAT HELPED ME BECOME THE STRONGEST DIGIMON THERE IS!

WHAT KINDA LOGIC IS THAT?

HER LETTING ME GO DOESN'T MEAN I'M... *WEAK*, DOES IT?

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT IN PAIN.

PATHETIC HUMAN DATA... YOU DARE STEP FOOT IN MY LAIR?

OH, SHUT IT.

WE'RE HERE FOR OUR FRIEND!

WE'RE NOT AFRAID OF YOU.

AAA

YEAH, YEAH, HENRY. RELAX.

AND BRINGING SUZIE HOME!

LET'S GET BACK TO FINDING CALUMON.

I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST HUGIAOMON.

...CALUMON IS PROBABLY BEING HELD AT THE SOVEREIGN'S LAIR.

IF I HAD TO GUESS...

BYE!

Unfortunately, Terriermon was pretty hurt at the time. He didn't say anything to keep Henry from worrying... which was very stupid, but what's done is done.

After a minor fit from Suzie, we left her with the others before moving on ahead.

THE KNOT IN MY STOMACH SAYS YES.

IS THAT IT?

Remember how I said Terriermon was hurt at the time?

HENRY!

WAH!

He really should've said something before taking that hit.

FFA

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO.. C'MON, TERRIERMON, SPEAK TO ME!

YOU'RE... YOU'RE REALLY HURT!

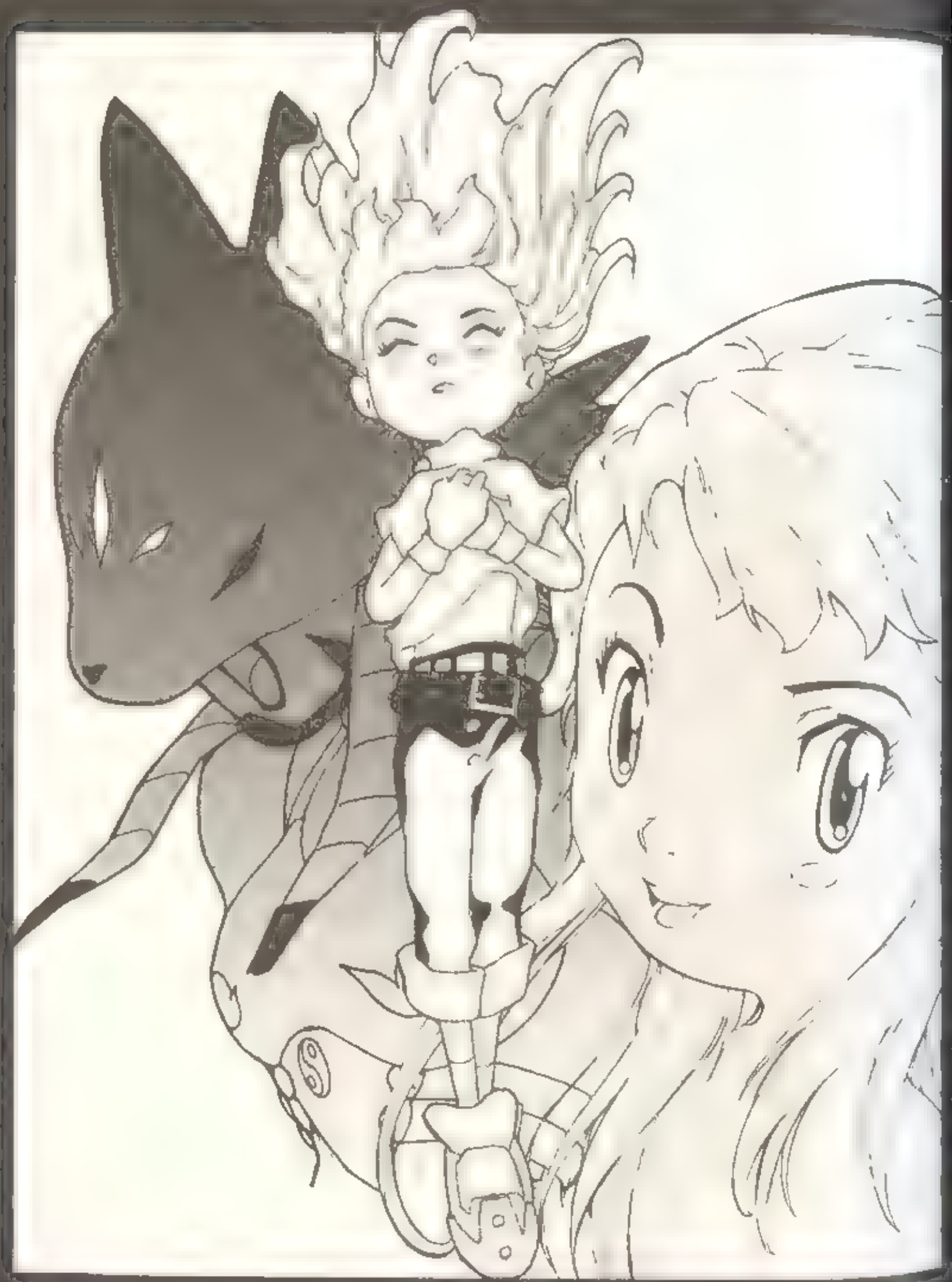
ZHUQIAOMON

LEAVE.

C-CRUMB-CAKES... WHERE'S CALUMON, CREEP?

YOU C-CAN'T LEAVE ME, TERRIERMON! TERRIERMON!
I-IF YOU'RE OKAY, THEN MOUH MAHN.. TAIH
AND SORRY
In that place, a little heart goes a long way.
But at least we were in DigiWorld at the time.
GRR...

CHAPTER 25:
FIGHT THE PROGRAM



HA! IF YOU THINK YOU CAN KEEP A PAIR OF FRIENDS DOWN, TURKEY, YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE COMING!

HA HA HA

MEGAGARGOMON

BIOMERGE DIGIVOLUTION!

...STOP...

CAN'T...

...THIS...

...TRAIN!

WHOA! DID YOU SEE THAT ATTACK?

FSSSSSS

HUH?

I'D HAVE TO AGREE

SUH-WEET, HENRY!

GARGO MISSILE!

CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM

THEN HOW'S THIS?!

BOOM

POWER PUMMEL!

YOU SURE HURT THAT GROUND

I DIDN'T EVEN HURT HIM?

NOW SAY GOOD-BYE.

I WAS TRYING TO GET BEHIND YOU!

MEGA BARRAGE!

FOAA

ADDING A KINNY PACK TO YOUR ROCKETS DOESN'T SCARE ME!

I WASN'T TRYING TO SCARE YOU.

AZULONGMON

YOUR HATRED FOR HUMANKIND IS UNFOUNDED AND DANGEROUS, ZHUQIAOMON. WE NEED THEIR HELP TO DEFEAT THE D-REAPER.

THE D... WHAT?

HOWEVER, AT SOME POINT IT MUTATED INTO A POWERFUL, DESTRUCTIVE FORCE THAT NOW ONLY EXISTS TO WIPE DIGIWORLD FROM MEMORY.

THE D-REAPER IS A PROGRAM THAT ORIGINALLY CONTROLLED DIGITAL GROWTH.

BYE-BYE, BROIE!

STOP THIS IDIOCY AT ONCE.

THERE'S NO REASON FOR DIGIMON AND HUMANS TO FIGHT.

THE TRUE ENEMY HAS APPEARED. WE SHOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER RATHER THAN GROWING APART.

WE "KID-NAPPED" NO ONE--HE WAS CONTAINED FOR HIS OWN PROTECTION.

THE CATALYST WAS HIDDEN IN THE FORM OF A DIGIMON SO HE MIGHT AVOID THE D-REAPER'S DETECTION

CALUMON IS THE CATALYST, A FORCE OF PURE DIGIVOLUTION. HE IS THE TOOL BY WHICH WE DIGIMON CAN STILL EVOLVE.

AGAIN?

MAN

YOUR TURN.

THEN *WE'LL* FIND HIM, IF YOUR "CONTAINMENT" DIDN'T WORK. JUST WATCH US!

BUT NOW, TO OUR GRAVE CONCERN, CALUMON HAS ONCE AGAIN DISAPPEARED.

HUMANS ARE OUR LAST CHANCE.

THE D-REAPER SURPASSES THE STRENGTH OF US SOVEREIGNS.

...YOU CAN COMBINE THE POWER OF MAN AND MON INTO A CREATURE OF UNMATCHABLE MIGHT

THROUGH THE PROCESS KNOWN AS BIO-MERGING

WAIT A SECOND. DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN JUST SHOW UP AND EXPECT US TO BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SAY? YOU GUYS KIDNAPPED CALUMON!

RIKA, SLOW DOWN! IT COULD BE DANGEROUS.

WE'VE GOT THIS ONE.

CHUNK

I mean, wouldn't you be? There guys who a kidnapped our buddy and tried to blow us up all of a sudden wanted our help.

I was a little skeptical at first

BOOM

But I was still willing to give them the benefit of the doubt--Azulongmon yelled at Zhuqiaomon for attacking us, and that was pretty cool. We eventually got Azulongmon take us to where he thought Calumon was.

ARE YOU SURE? THAT'S A BIG CRATER FOR A SMALL DIGIMON.

HA HA! YOU'RE SAFE NOW, SQUEEZY.

RIKA! OOOH, LOVE HUG!

RIKA, WATCH IT!

crumble

SHOOT

DON'T TOUCH THOSE CHAOS BUBBLES-- THEY'RE FROM THE D-REAPER, AND THEY'LL ERASE ANYTHING

THERE HE IS! CALUMON!

CURSE MY UNFIT ROUNDNESS.

JUST ONE MORE MEEP!

But at least it worked. The two of them Digivolved together and made Chaos take a dive.

SAKUYAMON

RENAMON!

Count on Rika to take the Xtreme route to Biomerging. Kids, don't try that at home.

BEEP

BEEP

RED SEA OF DESTRUCTION, BEGONE!
And they did it pretty, too. As I watched Sakuyamon destroy the Chaos bubbles in a flurry of color and light, I remembered, when I hadn't thought about it in a while, that Rika and Renamon are girls.
Easy to forget that when they always kick your butt

CHAPTER 26:
TO BE IN THE GLOW

HA HA HA— TOSS HIM HERE!

WELCOME BACK, KIDDO!

DID YOU HEAR THAT?

ACK! WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!

R-KA, RENAMON! THAT WAS AWESOME!

FWOOSH-

AND CALUMON'S OKAY! MAN, THAT ROCKED.

A STRONG EARTHQUAKE HAS JUST BEEN REPORTED IN SHINJUKU.

OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING ANY POSSIBLE LINKS TO THE UNUSUAL BEINGS RECENTLY SPOTTED IN THE SKY.

BESIDES... IT'S TIME WE TESTED OUT THE NEW D-ARC.

THE WHAT?

WE'D BETTER CALL THE KIDS BACK.

GREAT. NOW THE D-REAPER'S *MAD*.

YOU MUST HURRY, CHILDREN. I'M AFRAID YOUR WORLD IS NOW ALSO AT RISK

IT'S ALL RED

LIKE THE CHAOS BUBBLES

I THOUGHT SAKUYAMON DESTROYED THOSE!

LOOKS LIKE KETCHUP

ALTHOUGH WE ARE WHO CREATED YOU, YOU'VE SURPASSED YOUR EXISTENCE AS A TOOL.

NOW, AS YOU LIVE AS A TRUE DIGIMON

...WE WILL GRANT YOU ONE WISH.

THE D-ARC IS A PROGRAM THAT CONNECTS THE EARTH WITH DIGIWORLD.

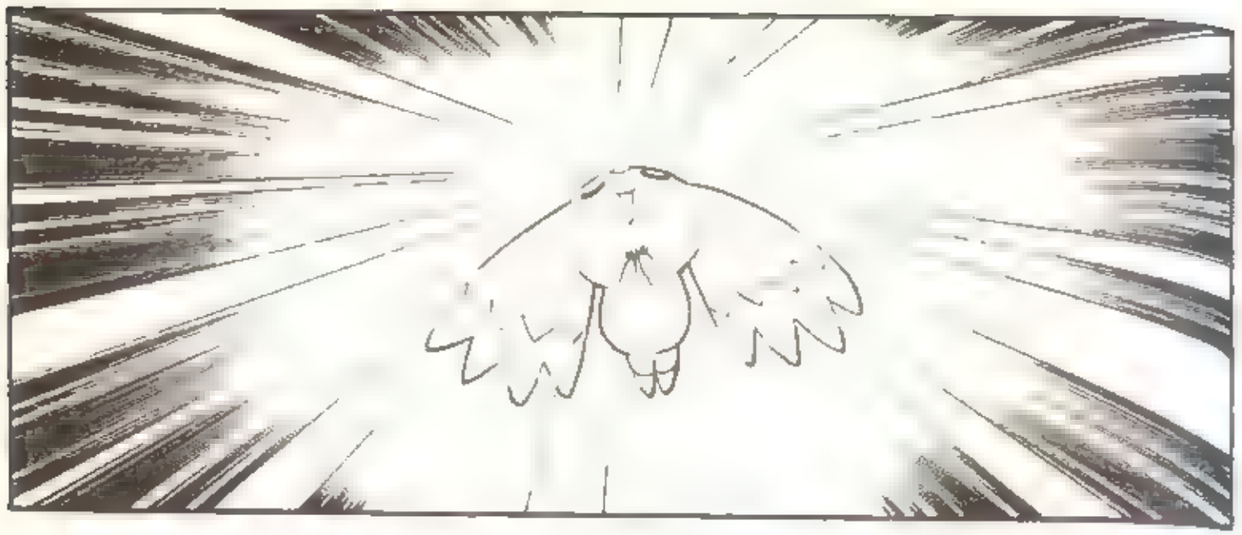
WE NEED TO UP THE CURRENT CONNECTION SPEED, BUT ONCE WE DO SO IT *SHOULD* BRING THE CHILDREN HOME.

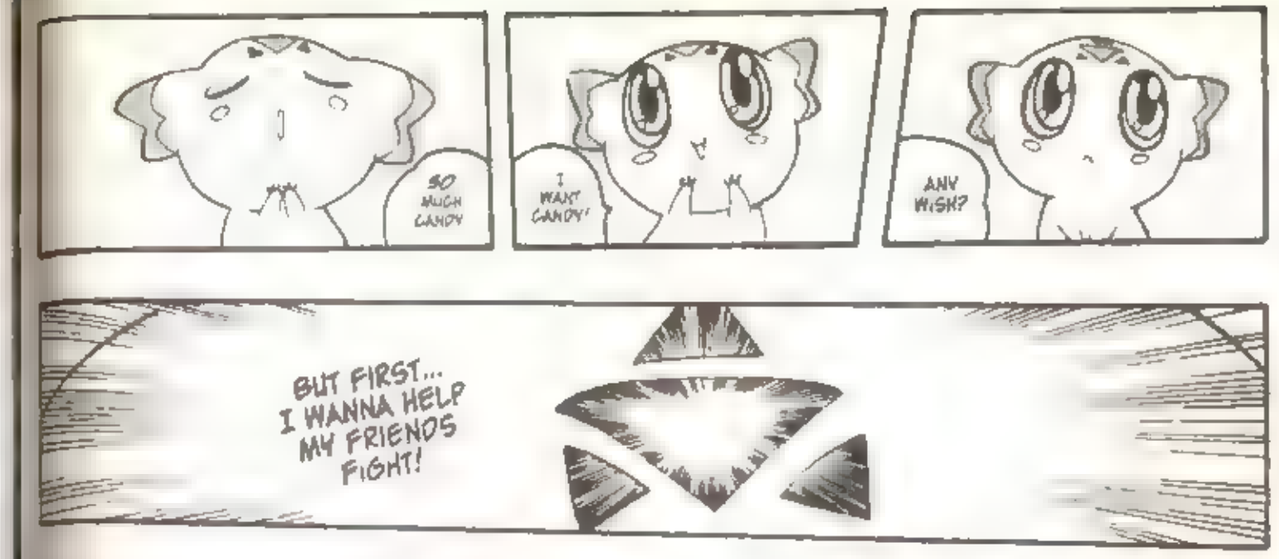
WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT AT THIS, PEOPLE. KEEP FOCUSED!

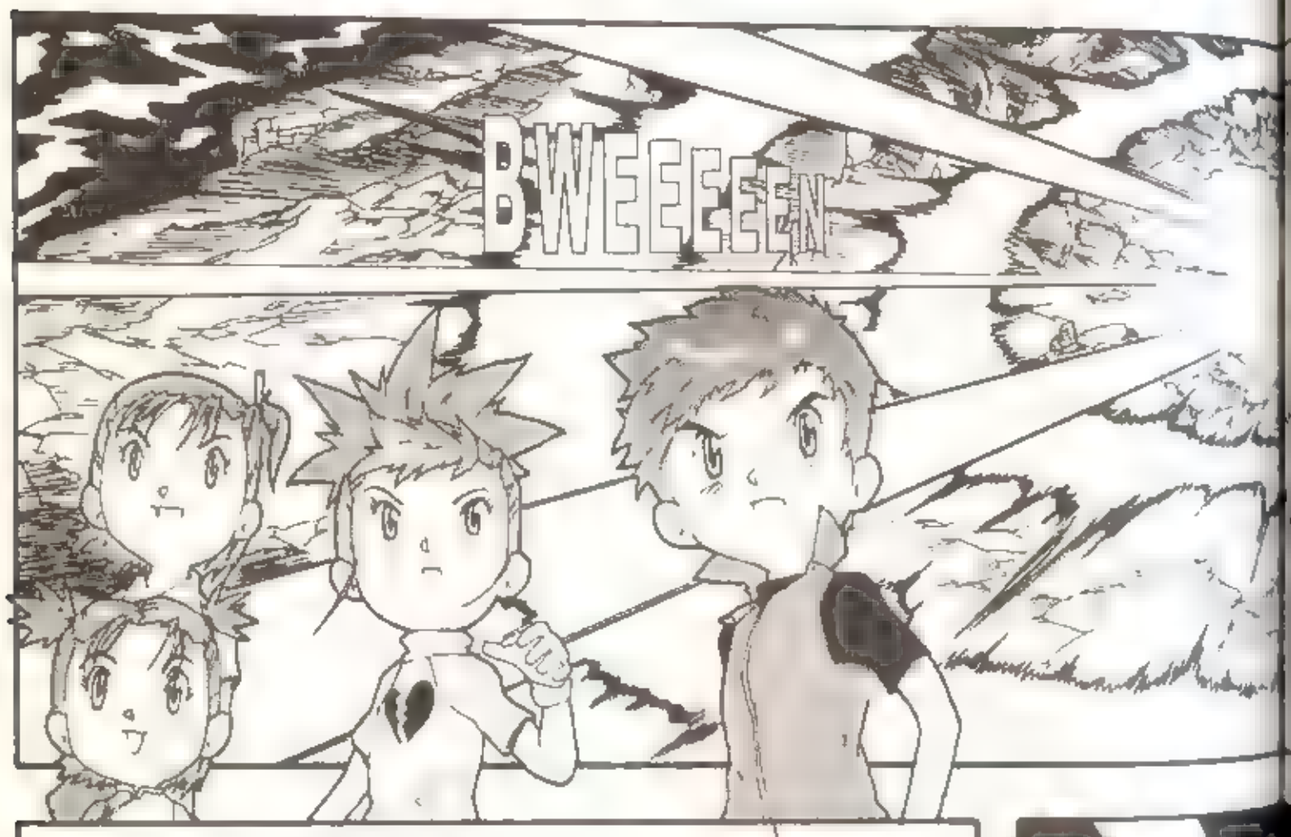
SOUNDS GOOD. I'LL CONTACT TAKATO AND LET HIM KNOW.

As Yamaki and Henry's dad worked to get us back home, Digiworld has an important meeting of the Sovereigns

IT IS TIME YOU CHOSE, CALUMON.




SO MUCH CANDY
I WANT CANDY!
ANY WISH?
BUT FIRST... I WANNA HELP MY FRIENDS FIGHT!


B-WEEEEEN

GUYS, CHECK IT OUT!

YEEGH!

WHAT'S THAT ONE?

BOOM

NICE ONE. WHAT, DID YOU MISS THE APPARENT *BULLSEYE* ON THE TOP OF MY SKULL?

SQUEEZE

HMPH. ANYWAY, HERE.

LOOKIT ALL THE DIGIMON CALUMON HELPED DIGIVOLVE!

HEY! WATCH THE SPACE BUBBLE

PU

HMPH. PU PU!

WAIT...THIS IS ANOTHER E-MAIL FROM YAMAKI!

THE ARC TO BRING YOU HOME IS READY TO GO. -YAMAKI

HUH?

WHY'RE *YOU* FLYING WITH MEGAS, LITTLE GUY?

PI!

MARINEANGEMON

HA HA! DUDE, IT'S A MINI-MEGA!

UM... CUTE, KENTA.

AND I THINK HE LIKES YOU! HA HA HA HA!

PLEASE PROTECT CALUMON, HUMANS. HE IS A TRUE DIGIMON NOW.

YOU MAY GO WITH THEM, CALUMON.

WHEE! TOILETS!

DON'T WORRY, AZULONGMON. ANYONE AFTER CALUMON'S GOTTA GET THROUGH ME FIRST!

THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

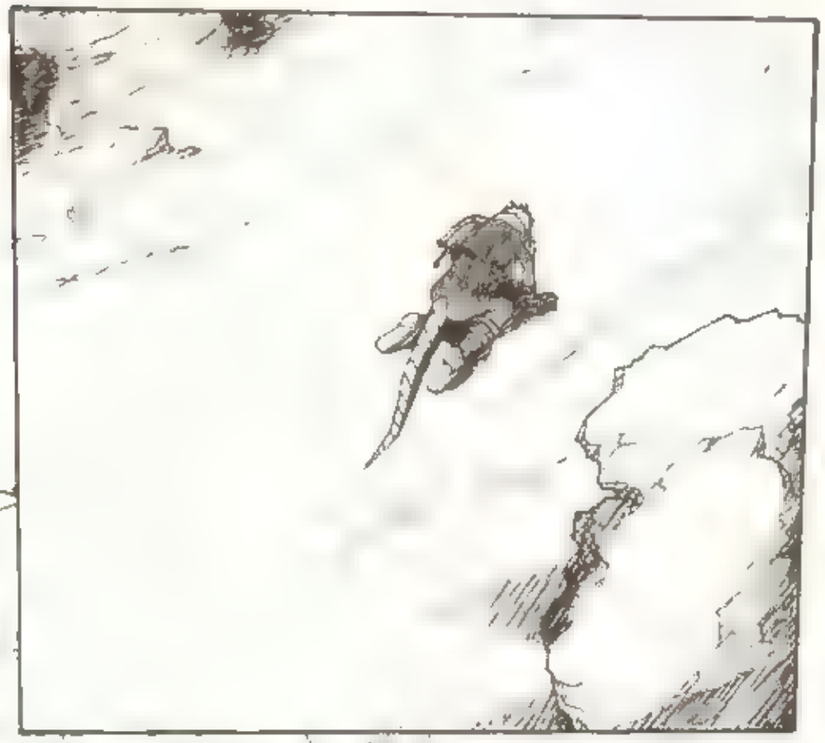
WE CAN GO HOME? NOW?

GLORY BE TO THE HEAVENS ABOVE!

TOILETS AGAIN!

THIS FIGHT MAY VERY WELL EXTEND TO YOUR WORLD. IT'S YOUR DUTY TO PROTECT YOUR HOMELAND FIRST.

BUT DIGIWORLD'S STILL A MESS.



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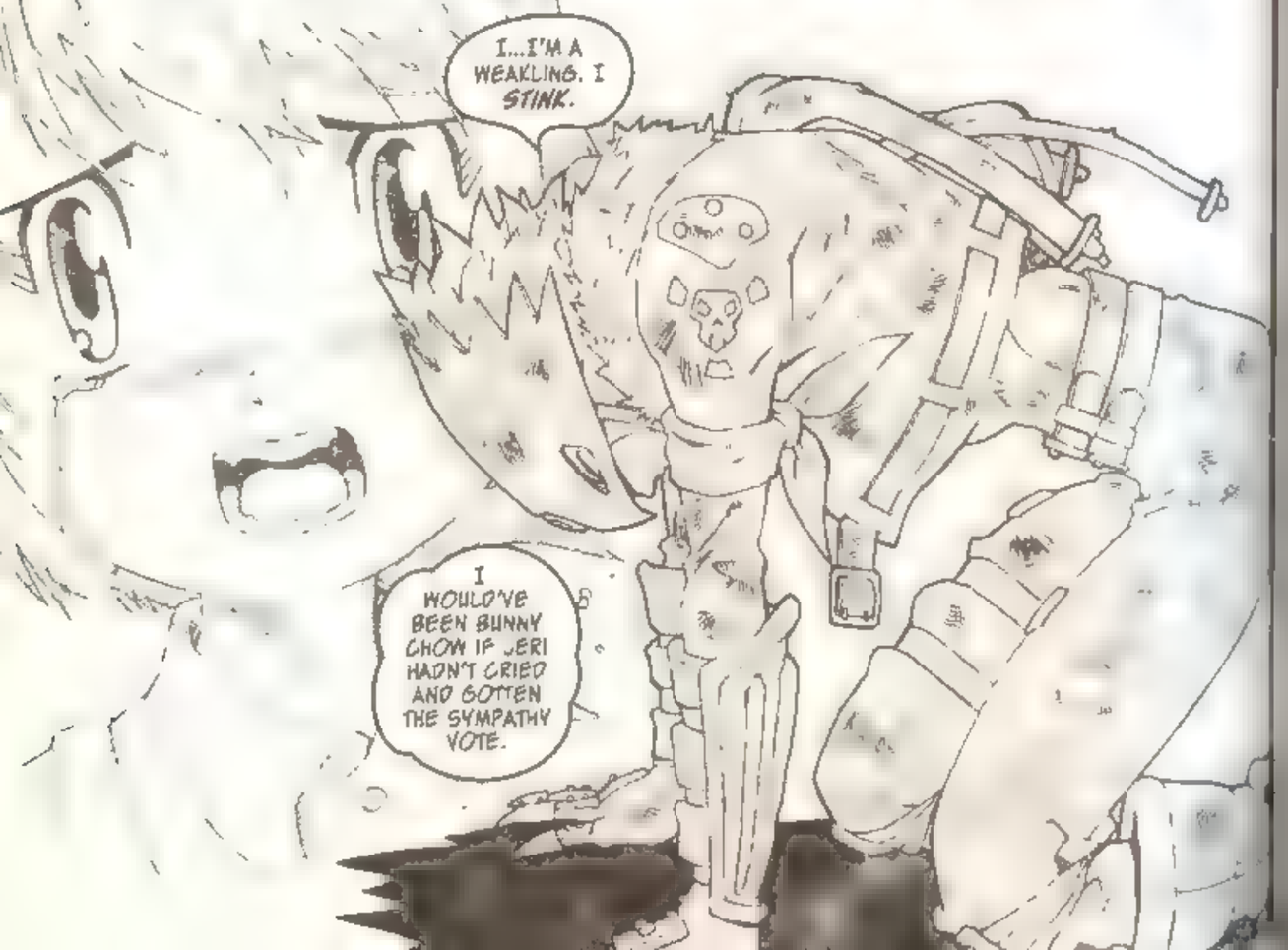
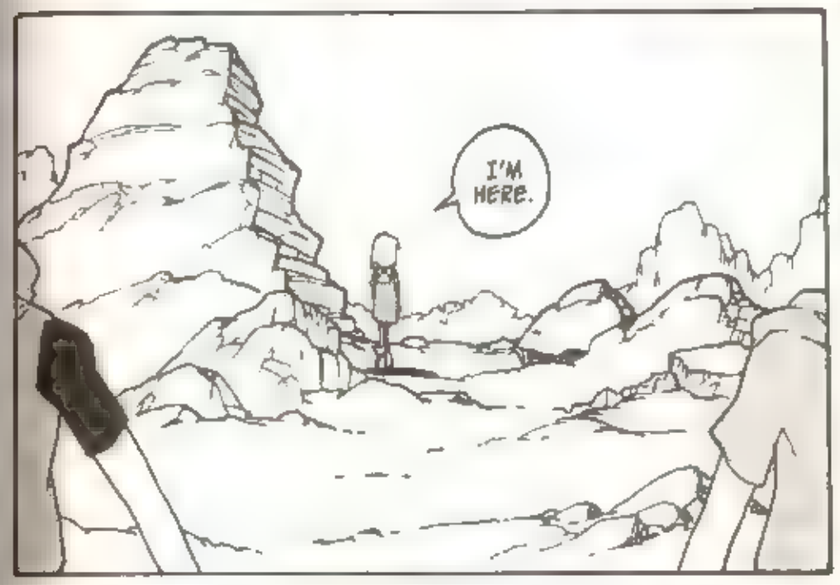
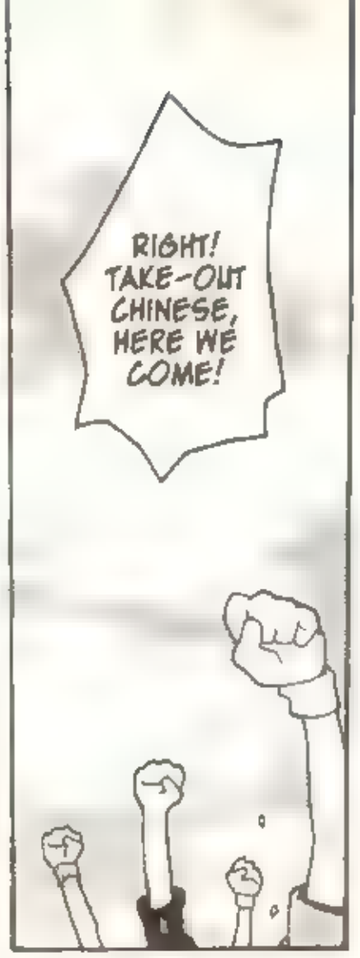
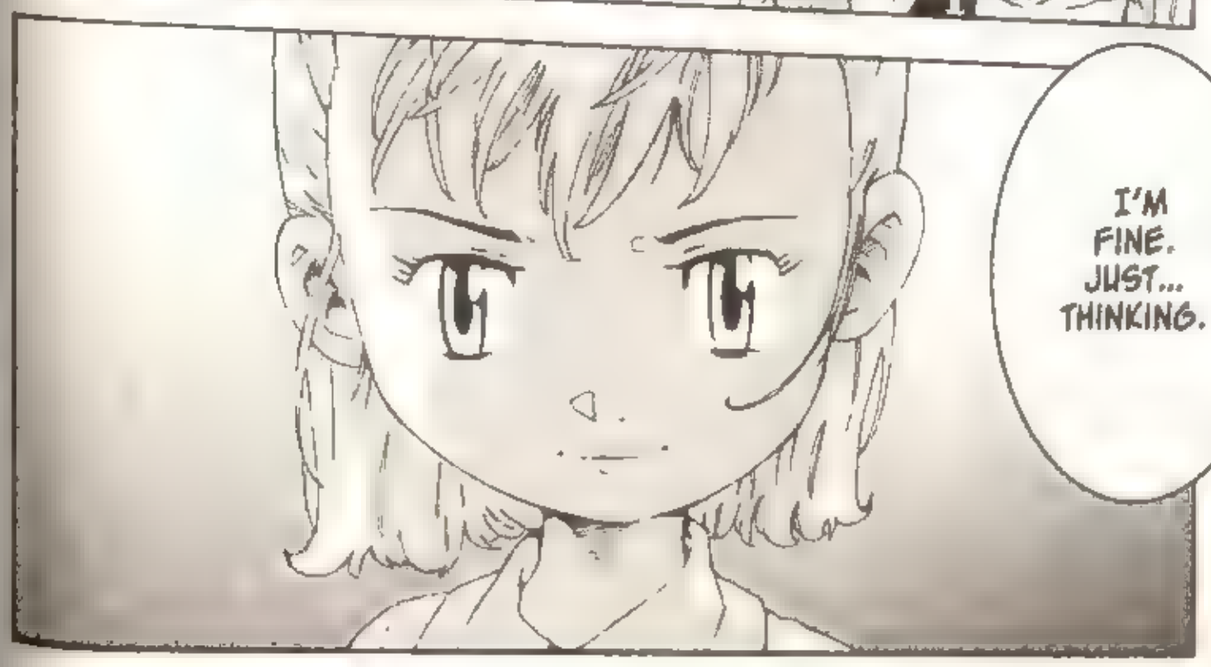

I...I'M A WEAKLING. I STINK.
I WOULD'VE BEEN BUNNY CHOW IF JERI HADN'T CRIED AND GOTTEN THE SYMPATHY VOTE.

WHO LOST JERI?
HANG ON.


I'M HERE.


RIGHT! TAKE-OUT CHINESE, HERE WE COME!

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?


I'M FINE. JUST... THINKING.

THIS IS THE PLACE.

KEEP UP THE PACE; WE'VE ONLY GOT 10 MINUTES.

BUT NOW THAT I'VE GOT IT, WHY IS STUFF WORSE?

I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WOULD *ROCK* IF I GOT STRONG.

I HATE... ANGST...

SA

THIS POWER BITES! IT'S ONLY MAKIN' ME FULL OF ANGST!

SNAG
HM?
MMM. OF ALL THE OOOTIES
RIKA, WE'VE GOT ONE MORE JOB.
?
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD ON THAT ONE.
WE'LL BE BACK SOON, TAKATO. SAVE ME A SEAT.

CHAPTER 27:
COUNTDOWN

SHE'S FRUSTRATED BY HER INABILITY TO CONFESS HER LOVE TO ME! I'M WAY OUT OF HER LEAGUE, BUT Y'KNOW--I'M GOOD AT LETTING THE LADIES DOWN LIGHTLY

WHAT LADIES?

RRGH! I WISH RIKA *WOULD* KICK YOUR SORRY BUTT!

OH, KENTA YOUR NAIVETE IN THESE MATTERS IS PAINFULLY CLEAR MWA HA HA!

HUH?

YOU'RE BOTH LOSERS! NOW QUIT FIGHTING!

ZOO

AH, IT'S RIKA. YOU KNOW HER.

WE'VE ONLY GOT A MINUTE. WHERE IS SHE?

IT'S *OBVIOUS* WHY.

SHE'S TOO BUSY BEING ANGRY TO LISTEN TO THE TEAM. HA!

JERI, C'MON. GUYS, CALM DOWN.

BUT WE WANNA FLY THE SPACESHIP!

RIKA'S STILL NOT BACK. NOW WHAT?

JUST BOARD FIRST.

EVERY-BODY BUCKLE YOUR--

TAKATO?

THERE'S THE ARC. EVERYONE ON--WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

I HOPE IT'S GOT PEANUTS!

SORRY WE'RE LATE; ON THE SHIP, FEARLESS LEADER.

WAY TO RUB IT IN. BUT I CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT MY WHOLE TEAM, HENRY...I'M SORRY.

POOF!

CHOOSH

I DON'T THINK MY HEART CAN HANDLE YOUR FRIENDSHIP, GIRL!

TAKATO! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

CHOOSH

YOU HAVE TO GET ON!

IT WAS RIKA'S DECISION TO LEAVE--BUT IF YOU DON'T GET ON ***NOW***, YOU ***BOTH*** COULD BE STUCK HERE FOREVER!

DON'T LET GO OF MY--

WHAT'D I JUST SAY?

UH-OH

DANG!!

THEY'RE GONNA BE STUCK HERE!

NO!

TAKATO! RIKA!

DON'T LEAVE GUILMON!

BO

HOLD ON.

JUST A LITTLE BIT FARTHER!

Thank God we got on that second time. I don't know if I'd be talking to you now if we hadn't.

And I still can't believe Guilmon got the Arc to stop through the power of his will, and bowels, of all things.

I PREFER HIM TO YOU.

SO YOU WENT BACK FOR IMPMON? MAN, WHY BOTHER?

AND I REFUSE TO ABANDON LIVING THINGS.

SPACESHIP STOP OR GUILMON TAKE POO IN IT!

WHAT THE-- OW!

IS IT JUST ME, OR IS THAT THING STOPPING?

WAAH! TODAY I AM A MAN!

I'M A TAMER!

IS THAT A D-POWER?

UH, KENTA? WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

SHE DOES WHAT SHE WANTS, ALL RIGHT.

PI PI!

MEH HEH HEH.

AHEM. SINCE *MY* DIGIMON'S A *MEGA*, I BELIEVE THAT MEANS I *WIN*.

WHA?

ARE WE THERE YET? I WANNA CHEESE-BURGER.

SOON, SUZIE. SOON.

YAAH!

PU!

MARINEANGEMON (PANTS-BOUND)

TO BED WITH YOU!

But Jeri's parents never showed up.

I'LL BE BACK SOON, DAD.

JER? YOU WANT ME TO WALK YOU HOME?

Her parents wanted her to take responsibility for running off. There's not much you can say to that, so we walked the entire way home without talking about it.

Word had spread that we were coming home, so they'd picked up Chinese on the way to our landing point.

That night we arrived back on Earth to find our parents waiting.

So much for swearing I wouldn't cry.

BUT I DON'T GET IT.

IF IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A DIGIMON DELETION PROGRAM, WHY CAN IT ERASE THINGS ON EARTH?

I'M GOING OUT, MOM.

SNEAKING OFF ALONE ISN'T VERY *FAIR*, FEARLESS LEADER.

JUST STAY ON THE PLANET

THESE WATERWAYS LEAD STRAIGHT TO SHINJUKU.

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS PLACE, GUILMON?

The next morning was Chaos.

IT APPEARS TO BE ERODING ALL IT TOUCHES, SO AUTHORITIES ARE ON THEIR WAY.

THIS JUST IN-- A RED MASS IS EXPANDING IN SHINJUKU.

WE WON'T PANIC IF YOU WON'T

JEEZ, THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG.

IT'S THE D-REAPER!

GUNS AREN'T GONNA CUT IT.

IS THAT TANK FIRE? JEEZ, IT'S NOT EVEN SCRATCHED.

BOOOP

I KNOW, BUT HOW DO YOU FIGHT A GIANT BUBBLE?

AND WREAKS UNMATCHED HAVOC.

THAT WON'T POP.

TAMERS STICK TOGETHER TO THE END.

IF YOU'RE SAVING THE WORLD, THEN WE'RE COMING WITH.

HUNH... GUESS I CAN'T FOOL *YOU* GUYS.

It was a good plan... just, y'know, a little infeasible at first.

GOT A PLAN YET?

YEAH WIN.

WHAT THE HECK S--

TWEE!

CHAPTER 28:
STARTING OVER AND MOVING ON

THEY'RE MOVING.

SHOULD WE FOLLOW?

WHOA!

TWEE!

THIS IS GETTING *WEIRD*.

FOR LACK OF A BETTER IDEA, I SAY WE GO FOR IT.

'CAUSE THEY MAY BE LIKE CHAOS, RIGHT? GOT IT.

JUST DON'T TOUCH THEM.

BEATS ME.

TWEE!

TWEE!

UM, WHAT'RE THOSE?

I THINK THEY'RE WITH THE BUBBLE.

THEY ALMOST LOOK LIKE... DIGIMON.

Meanwhile, in the anything-goes Japanese public transportation system...

MAYBE I SHOULD GO PAY 'EM A CALL...MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT DEAD AND STUFF.

MAN, I'VE BEEN THINKIN' ABOUT THOSE HUMAN KIDS AI AND MAKO A LOT LATELY.

ARGH! LOUSY CHEATS'D PLAY WITH *ANYTHING!*

HA HA HA! IMPMON, YOU'RE THE GREATEST!

HA HA HA! DOG WE JUST GOT, YOU'RE THE GREATEST!

OW. LUCKY THIS IS A COMIC.

YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR FOREVER!

IMPMON! ISSAT REALLY YOU?

AI? M-MAKO?

BO

OI.

HERE'S FREE FOOO. WHEE!

WE'LL TREAT YOU BETTER NOW.

GETTIN' HURT CAN'T BE FIXED BY--

L-LOOK, KIDS.

YOU CAN USE MY KILL LASER, YAH?

I CAN CHEER YOU UP!

IMPMON?

WHY'RE YOU IGNORING US?

WHY'M I...TAKE A GUESS, KIDDIES! I'M NOT GONNA JUST COME CRAWLIN' BACK!

UH?

I GET IT!

WHEE! THAT'S EASY TO FIX!

YOU JUST HATE US.

OKAY!

WANNA STAY AND PLAY AGAIN?

.. BUT WHEN YOU LEFT, WE FELT REALLY BAD.

DO... DO YOU STILL REALLY CARE?

NEWS FLASH! MORE CREATURES HAVE APPEARED IN SHINJUKU.

YOU... YOU TWO JERKS!

TRICKIN' ME INTO LOVIN' YOU!

HEY... I ALMOST FORGOT. THE D-REAPER'S STILL GOIN' NUTS.

I GOTTA GO DO SOMETHING.

FAST.

...? NON-A THIS!

I'LL NEVER USE MY KILL LASER AGAIN, WAAAH!

HE'S DEAD! LOOKIT WHAT YOU DID!

JUST KIDDIN'! WA HA HA HA!

WE KNOW WE DION'T ALWAYS PAY ATTENTION TO YOU...

WE MISSED YOU, IMPMON.

THE STRONGEST DIGIMON EVER NEEDS A GOOD-LUCK KISS.

I'LL, UH, BE SURE TO TELL THA VILLAIN THAT

WAIT

BYE-BYE! SAVE THE WORLD AND WE'LL HAVE COOKIES!

UH, RIGHT. BYE!

UH, LOOK.

THE WORLD'S IN TROUBLE. I GOTTA PERFORM MY CIVIC DUTY AND SAVE IT--I BECAME THE STRONGEST DIGIMON *EVER* WHILE I WAS GONE, Y'KNOW.

WE'LL PLAY HIDE 'N SEEK WHEN I GET BACK.

IT'S THE STRONGEST WEAPON IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

YOU CAN TAKE THE KILL LASER.

MAYBE YOU--

IMPMON? UM, NO OFFENSE... BUT YOU'RE BACK TO THE SIZE OF A PUPPY.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE, BLUBBY!

CAN IT! I'M THE STRONGEST DIGIMON EVER!

THIS CAN ONLY END IN TEARS.

BOOM

On our side of town, saving the world wasn't going so well.

MY BLOOD HURTS.

OW!

I'M OUT OF IDEAS

AND IS IT JUST ME, OR IS THE RED THING GETTING BIGGER?

MAN, IT JUST KEEPS ABSORBING ATTACKS!

STEP ASIDE, KIDDOS.

LET A *REAL* DIGICHAMP SHOW YA HOW IT'S DONE.

THAT SOUNDS GOOD

FLASH MODE

FWOOSH

M-MAKO GAVE ME THIS!

AGH!

SO COME BACK!

WE'LL MISS YOU.

BLAST...

...MODE!

THAT'S IT, UNENDIN' MASS O' DEATH AND DESTRUCTION! YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN!

THAT KILL LASER MEANT MORE TA ME THAN ANYTHIN' IN THE WORLD.

REMEMBER, PUNKS— NOBODY'S ALLOWED TO TOUCH MY TOYS BUT ME!

THE STRONGEST DIGIMON EVER DOESN'T LIKE TO SHARE WITH STINKERS!

WHOOSH

DID YOU GUYS SEE THAT?

HOLY SWEET CREAM.

CORONA BLASTER!

He got to work with Yamaki and Henry's dad right away.

Shibumi.. the guy who created Digimon, finally woke up from some weird coma thing he was in.

Beezlemon wasn't the only surprise we had coming.

Shibumi said the D-Reaper program was originally made to protect DigiWorld-- before it went crazy and tried to destroy everything, of course. He also said the way D-Reaper erased data on Earth was less effective than how it erased data in DigiWorld, but that our world was still gonna be in big trouble before long.

So he promised to help fix things. As the grown-ups worked on D-Reaper, we Tamers worked on everything else.

It took us a little while to believe it ourselves.

HEY, IMPMON?

Beezlemon, not out to mess us up? We knew something must've happened.

WHY DID YOU HELP US?

I OWED YOU ONE FROM BEFORE. DON'T THINK I LIKE YOU NOW OR NOTHIN'.

ERK.

IS THAT RIGHT.

CHAPTER 29: THE FINAL BATTLE BEGINS

YOU GO.

GOT IT! STRAWBERRY JAM OF CHAOS, HERE I COME!

I'M NEVER HAVING TOMATO SOUP AGAIN!

BOOM

The red mass of the D-Reaper was beginning to flood Shinjuku. And let me tell you something—fighting evil without a body is even harder than it sounds.

ARE YOU TAKATO MATSUKI?

OF COURSE I'M-- HUH?

GOOO. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR *YOU* FOR A LONG TIME.

WAIT A SEC.

JERI?!

LOOK AT THAT.

ARE WE INSIDE THAT RED STUFF?

ALL RIGHT SO I'M TH NKING I'LL THRASH AROUND A LOT--

MMA!

HUH? ACK, THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO SPLIT!

YOU'RE THROUGH, TAKATO MATSUKI!

Jeri Clone, Sorta

I DON'T GET IT. WHY WOULD THE D-REAPER MAKE A CLONE OF JERI?

KENTA!

EAT LOVE, GROUCHY!

YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

JERI, DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU?

LOOK WHO'S TALKING, HUMAN.

OKAY, SO NOW THE D-REAPER'S PLAYING DRESS-UP.

SHOOM

SHOOM

LEAVE THIS ONE TO ME, CHUBS.

BUT...BUT JERI WAS NICE TO ME. I'VE GOTTA SAVE HER!

PATTER

JERI! MEEP MEEP MEEP!

WHAT'S THAT ANNOYIN' SQUEAKIN'--- OH.

I CAN'T FIND JERI!

WHAT'S WRONG, SQUEALER?

I THINK SHE'S UP THERE! OH, MEEP!

HUH?

GIVE IT UP, BEEZLEMON BLAST MODE THIS IS YOUR OWN FAULT

YOU DESTROYED HER DIGIMON AND STOLE HER HAPPINESS

CAN YOU HEAR ME, JERI? WE'RE GONNA GET YOU OUT!

I'M NOT ABOUT TO TAKE LIP FROM SOME TRASH-TALKIN' EYEBALL!

The program had somehow taken advantage of her sadness to draw her inside--definitely not cool.

The real Jeri was actually trapped inside a giant D-Reaper bubble.

UM, WHY ARE YOU SO SAD?

JERI! NOW WE CAN HUG AGAIN!

STUPID... GIANT...RED... ARGH!

JUST... JUST LEAVE ME ALONE I DON'T CARE ABOUT--

HUH?

I'LL SAVE YOU, JERI!

I'VE GOTTA HAVE *SOME* DATA THAT'LL WORK!

FIST OF THE BEAST KING!

IMPMON! BEHIND YOU!

CHOOM CHOOM

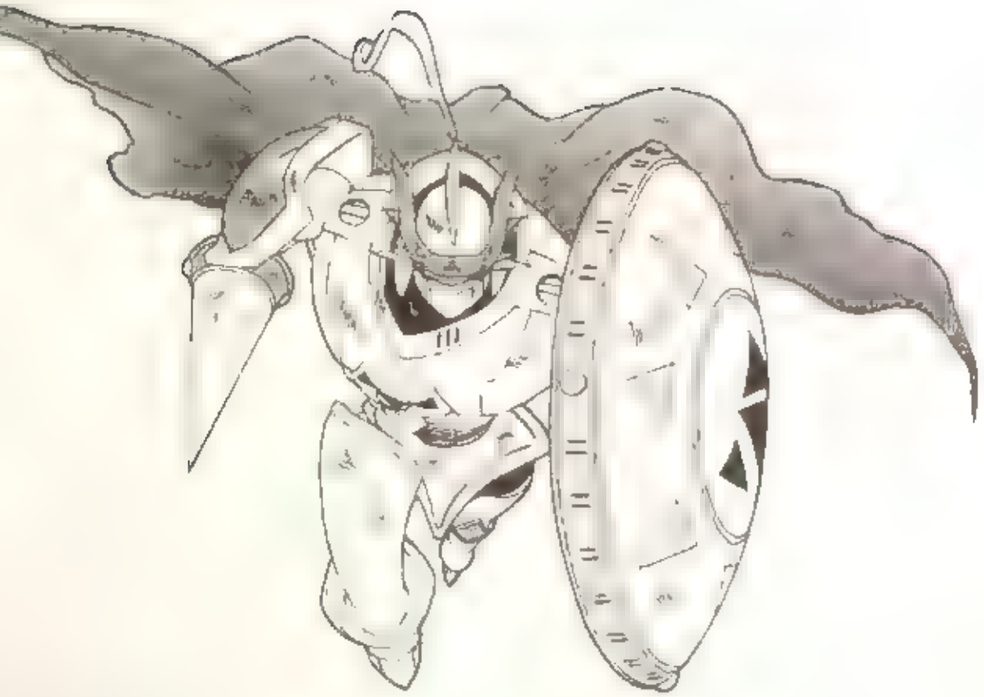
HGCK!

NOT... N-NOW!...

I-IMPMON?

JUST HOLD ON AND EVERYTHING'LL BE OKAY!

QUICK, GRAB MY HAND!



But by the time I remembered that, it was already too late.

Believe me when I say that hurt like billy.

TAKE MY POWER... YOU CAN USE IT BETTER THAN I.

GALLANTMON!

BWEEEEN

FWOOSH

SAAA

...and the next...

I could hardly tell what was going on.

One second I was falling and everything hurt...

...I was saved by an angel.

FINAL CHAPTER:

GOOD-BYE, GUILMON

TAKATO! HERE, I'M RIGHT HERE!

TAKATO...

JERI!

I WANNA GO BACK WITH YOU!

I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT AN OPTION

AND I MEAN NOW!

CHUNK

ALL RIGHT, YOU BIG RED CREEP! GIMME BACK MY JERI!

AAAAA

HEH HEH HEH!

RAARGH!

UGH, THIS JUST KEEPS GETTING GROSSER!

WHAT THE... EW!

MOTHER D-REAPER

It was like nothing I'd ever seen before.

A sort of goopy, spaghetti-like mass of evil rose up from the red waves and looked at me

POWER PUMMEL!

YAAAH!

I CAN'T SOMEBODY HELP!

I DON'T CARE HOW MANY OF YOU THERE ARE!

SHLORP

I'M TAKING JERI BACK, YOU HEAR ME?

YOU'RE MINE!

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, BUNNY BOY

NOTHING ESCAPES THE NOTHINGNESS OF THE D-REAPER

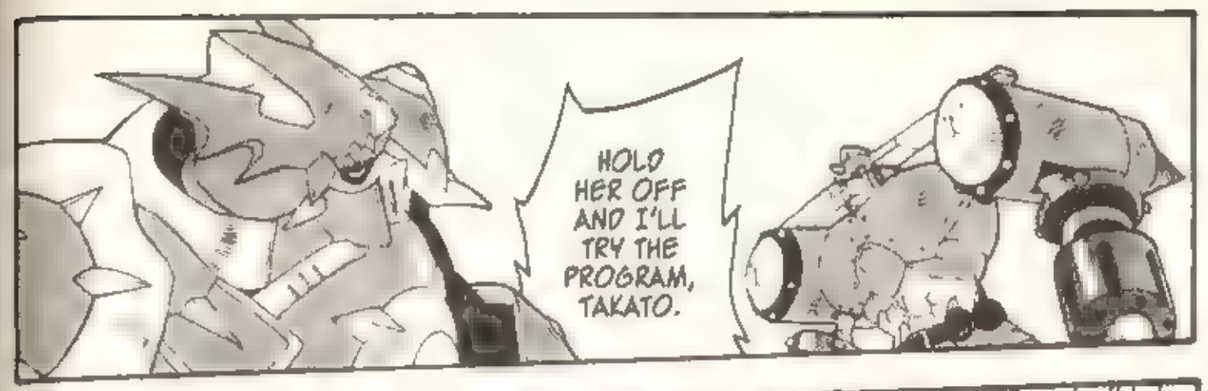
SORRY WE'RE SO LATE, TAKATO.

NEED SOME HELP?

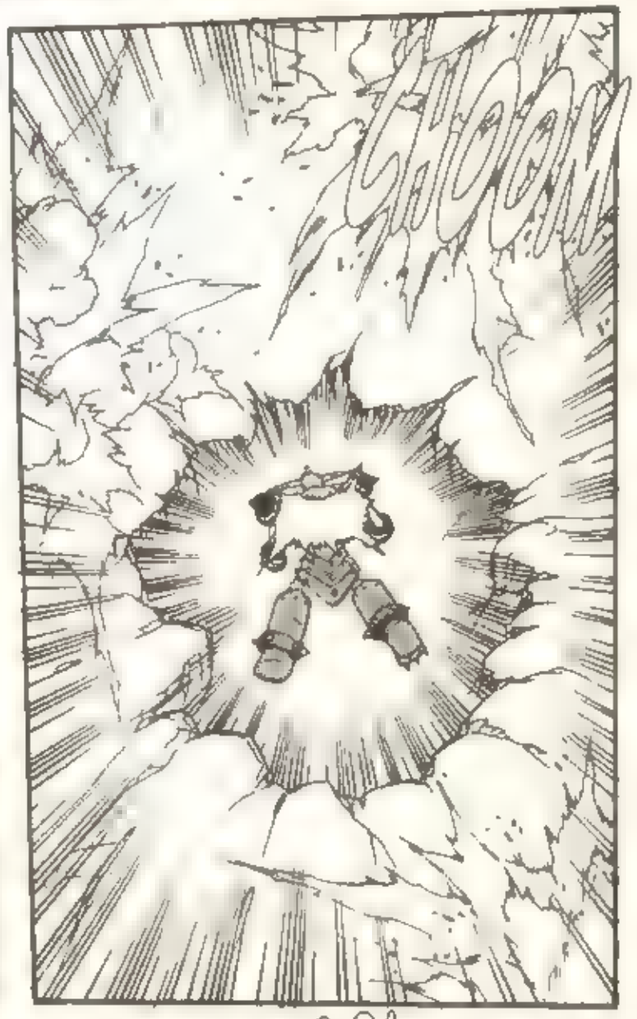
HENRY! THANKS, MAN!

LOOK, MY DAD JUST INSTALLED A NEW PROGRAM INTO MEGAGARGOMON. HE SAID THAT IF I CAN MAKE A BLACK HOLE, IT'LL DESTROY THE D-REAPER!

FINGER
AAA


HOLD HER OFF AND I'LL TRY THE PROGRAM, TAKATO.

WE CAN DO THIS, TERRIERMON.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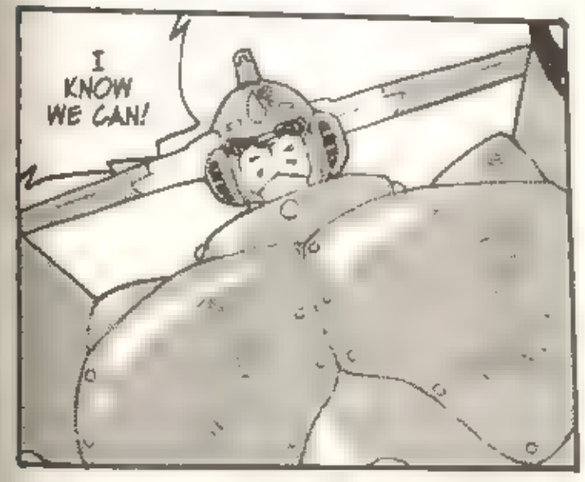
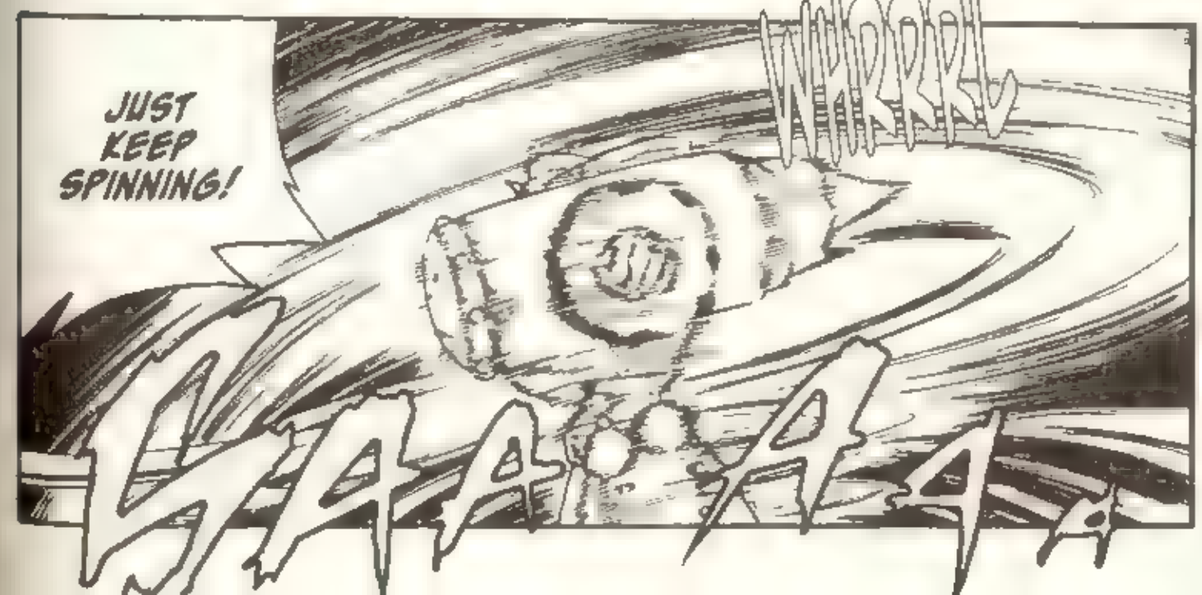

I KNOW WE CAN!


JUST KEEP SPINNING!
WHIRRRR
AAAAA

I CAN'T... BREATHE!

IS THIS THE END? ALL I WANTED WAS...

EASY, TAKATO.

YOU HAVE TO STOP THINKING THAT YOU'RE ALONE IN ALL THIS.

AAAAAAAAH

MISERABLE HUMANS!

GIVE HER BACK!

HENRY, SLOW DOWN!

JERI'S STILL IN THERE!

TAKATO...

...WAY TO GO!

AAAAAAAH!

THIS IS FOR BOTH WORLDS, O-REAPER!

I was really starting to like Rika.

THERE. IT'S ALL M-MY POWER, SO DON'T WASTE IT.

HAVE A TASTE OF CHAOS!

FORGIVE US?

I'M SORRY, KIDS. THIS IS ALL OUR FAULT.

I-I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, GUILMON!

EVERYTHING WAS WORTH IT, TAKATO!

I won't say it didn't hurt. There's that old expression, "Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." I never really understood that until that day.

BUT WHY?

YOU'RE GOING NOW?!

It was ironic, I guess. It took us so long to finally bury that D-Reaper, right?

But still, right after that...it took almost no time at all for our Digimon to leave.

IT'S THE BLACK HOLE.

WE HAVE TO GO BACK WITH IT.

It wasn't fair. You don't just fight for peace with your friends and then split before you can enjoy it!

But it was at that moment I realized something--the Digimon didn't belong with us at all. Earth was for us; the DigiWorld was for them.

But it's true, I think. I don't regret a minute I spent with the Digimon.

GOOD-BYE.

AND I KNOW DREAMS DON'T LAST FOREVER...

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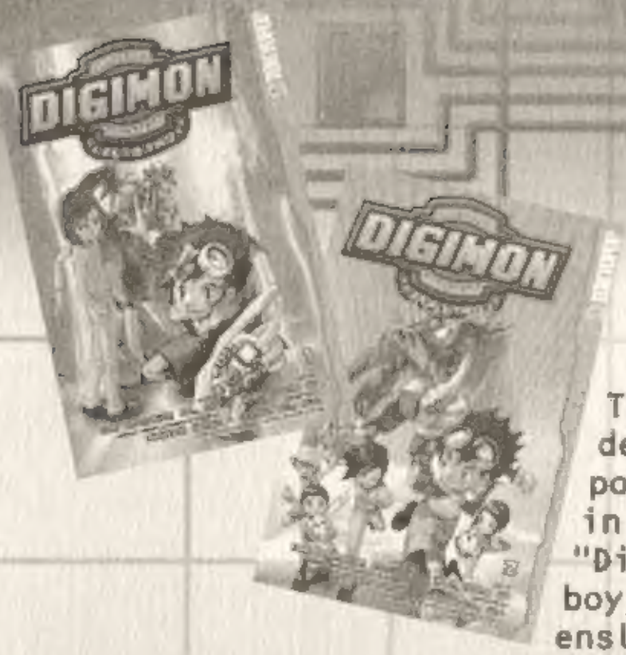
Having Guilmon come to life was a dream come true.

...BUT JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE GONE DOESN'T MEAN I'LL EVER FORGET.

THE END



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